

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Methods and systems for handling physical device placement requests are provided. In general, a physical device placement request is any request for information pertaining to placement of a physical device (e.g., a direct access storage device and a PCI card) in a computer system. Illustratively, a request may specify machine specific information, base system information or purchase order information. The user-supplied request information is then combined with configuration information according to predefined rules. The resulting output is placement information which may be returned to the requester.

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